GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Landless BPL Families
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the achievements made in the country with regard to land reforms, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any plan to distribute lands/allot houses to the landless people/farmers belonging to SC/ST/OBC and Below Poverty Line in various States;

(c) if so, the details of the land distributed/houses allotted during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(d) whether many States have not submitted any proposal to Government for the above-mentioned purpose; and

(e) whether the Government have any monitoring mechanism to supervise and guide the land reform works done by the State Governments and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a to e):Land and its management falls within the legislative and administrative jurisdiction of the respective States as provided under Entry No.18 of List II (State List) of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution. The role of the Central Government in the field of land reforms is only of an advisory and coordinating nature. As per information received from the States/UTs, an area of 68.45 lakh acres has been declared surplus, of which 61.48 lakh acres areas has been taken possession of and 50.94 lakh acres area has been distributed to 57.25 lakh beneficiaries. Out of the total 50.94 lakh acres area distributed, 19.04 lakh acres, 7.83 acres area and 24.06 lakh acres area have been distributed to SCs, STs and other beneficiaries respectively. The State Governments/UT Administrations have been requested from time to time for effective implementation of land reforms programmes/schemes including distribution of surplus land. State-wise details are annexed.

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